

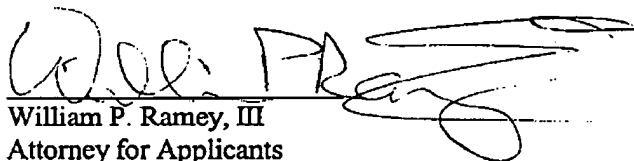
II. Remarks and Conclusion

Applicants respectfully request clarification of the Restriction Requirement. It appears, from the Examiner's comments, that the Preliminary Amendment was not considered prior to the Restriction Requirement. The Preliminary Amendment was filed with the Original Filing Document and is considered part of the Original Disclosure. Accordingly, the Restriction Requirement should consider the Claims as Preliminarily Amended.

Applicants have applied the Claims as amended to the Examiner's Restriction Requirement and Elected Group I, comprising Claims 26-21, 26, 27, 32-39, and 41-43, with traverse. Should the Examiner disagree with the Restriction made by Applicants, Applicants invite the Examiner to call the undersigned attorney at 302-933-4034, to expedite prosecution.

In conclusion, Applicants reaffirm the Election of Group I and respectfully submit that the Claims are in a condition for allowance and request such action. Please call the undersigned attorney with any questions. Please charge deposit account 02-2334 for any required fees and to credit any credits.

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